

WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

LOUIS H. BRUNI Webb County Judge

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
Webb County Courthouse
1000 Houston Street, 2ND Floor
Laredo, Texas 78040
November 28, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. and continuing
November 29, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. if necessary

- 1. Call to order by the Honorable County Judge, Louis H. Bruni
- 2. Roll call by the Honorable County Clerk, Margie Ibarra
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Approval of Minutes October 11, 2005
- 5. Approval of Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports
- 6. Communications
- 7. Public Comment- This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on any items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to participate must complete a Witness Card specifying which agenda item they wish to comment on. Each public member will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes within which to make any/all public comments.

COURT TO DISCUSS AND ACT ON THE FOLLOWING:

HONORABLE LOUIS H. BRUNI, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

- **8.** Status report from All American Ambulance Service LLC., on commencement of air ambulance services for Webb County.
- **9.** Discussion and Possible action to appoint Mr. Jack Foster as Webb County Surveyor, and any other matters incident thereto.
- **10.** Discussion and possible action proclaiming December 1st, 2005 as "World AIDS Day".

HONORABLE FRANK SCIARAFFA, COMMISSIONER PCT. 1

11. Discussion and possible action to fill new slot - Recreational Clerk - in El Cenizo/Rio Bravo Community Center.

HONORABLE JUDITH G. GUTIERREZ, COMMISSIONER PCT. 2

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of Webb County fifteen-passenger by the Quad City Community Action Program in connection with a Christmas program on December 21, 2005, and in connection with age-related educational and informational presentations for the elderly on a monthly or semi-monthly basis.

HONORABLE JERRY GARZA, COMMISSIONER PCT. 3

13. Discussion and possible action to amend the third party funding contract with the Children's Advocacy Center dated October 11, 2005, increasing funding from FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000.00) to SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000.00) AS PER THE Commissioners Court action of December 13, 2004 and September 26, 2005 and any other matters incident thereto.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

- **14.** Discussion and possible action to approve Webb County Community Action Agency CAP Plan for 2006.
- **15.** Discussion and possible action to ratify amendment to Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) budget by \$9,519.00, as final installment/allocation for the program, and any other matters incident thereto.

MEDIA BREAK	MEDIA BREAK	

HONORABLE HOMERO RAMIREZ, WEBB COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 16. Discussion and possible action to enter into an "Alarm System Purchase and Signal Monitoring Services Agreement" with Argus Security Systems for Webb-Zapata County District Attorney Multi-Agency Task Force office for a period of thirty-six (36) months (November 28, 2005 through November 27, 2008) at quarterly payments of SEVENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$72.00) to equal to a total of EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$864.00) over the term of the agreement and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Webb-Zapata County District Attorney Multi-Agency Task Force, Account No. 297-1100-6402 (Equipment Maintenance)]
- 17. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and Center Point Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Center Point Energy will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]

- 18. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and City of Laredo Utilities for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby City of Laredo Utilities will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
- 19. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and CPL Retail Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby CPL Retail Energy will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
- 20. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and First Choice Power for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby First Choice Power will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
- 21. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and Medina Electric Cooperative for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Medina Electric Cooperative will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
- 22. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and TXU Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby TXU Energy will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]

- 23. Discussion and possible action to enter into a Vendor Agreement between Webb County for the Community Action Agency and Reliant Energy for the "Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program" whereby Reliant Energy will provide funding to Webb County Community Action Agency constituents to pay home energy expenses for a term beginning January 1, 2005 and ending on December 31, 2006 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Requested by Community Action Agency]
- 24. Discussion and possible action to enter into a lease agreement effective upon execution for Property located at 4420 Old Santa Maria Rd (Old Mother Cabrini Center) in the City of Laredo, for a nominal fee of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), for an elder nutrition center and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and any matters incident thereto.
- **25.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a "Texas Electronic Framework Agreement" with Bearing Point, Inc. which will provide for e-Filing and Electronic Payment services through the Texas Online website for the District Clerk's Office and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by District Clerk's Office]
- **26.** Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year Claims Service Agreement with Hammerman & Gainer, Inc wherein Hammerman & Gainer becomes the county's Third Party Administrator at the rates set out in the agreement, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Risk Management, Account No. 817-0105-6044 (3rd Party Administration)]
- 27. Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006) Agreement with McGriff, Seibels & Williams, as Webb County's Property and Casualty Insurance Agent, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Requested by Risk Management, Account No. 001-0105-6032 (Property/Casualty Premium)]
- **28.** Discussion and possible action to enter into Third Party Funding Agreement as Follow:

Hotel Motel Fund:

LULAC Council #7 \$5,000.00 and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **29.** Discussion and possible action to accept a 2005 Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$173,020.00 (One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Twenty and no cents) for providing Law Enforcement and Emergency Response Communities with enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism.
- 30. Discussion and possible action to accept a grant from the Texas A & M University, College of Architecture Center for Housing and Urban Development, Colonias Program, in the amount of \$106,446.00 (One Hundred Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars) from a total HUD grant of \$134,122 (One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two) for the construction of a Nutrition/Health Learning Center to be located behind the Webb County Self-Help Center off HWY 359 and to authorize Webb County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas A & M University in order to carry out this project.
- 31. Discussion and possible action to develop and submit a contract amendment to the Texas Community Development Program, Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), TCDP #725891, if suitable land donation can be acquired in the project area, to construct a Community Center to be located off Highway 59 in Colonia Colorado Acres. If the contract amendment is approved, construction of the Community Center will be through grant funds.

ENGINEER

- **32.** Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to Gilbert Texas Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$33,685.00 for the TXDOT Border Colonias Access Program Rio Bravo Paving Project Phase II. The amended contract amount would be \$753,836.50 (\$720,151.50 + \$33,685.00). This Change Order is to pay Street Cut Fees to the City of Rio Bravo.
- **33.** Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Change Order No. 3 to Puma Builders in the amount of \$7,215.00, for an Irrigation System for Landscaping.
- **34.** Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing the County Judge to execute a 270 square foot electrical easement (6' x 45') with AEP Texas Central Company, a Texas Corporation, for the installation of electrical facilities to serve Webb County Records Management Building at 207 Wilson Road in Laredo, Texas.

35. Discussion and Possible Action Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to Gilbert Texas Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,459.40 for the TXDOT Border Colonias Access Program El Cenizo Paving Project. The amended contract amount would be \$2,002,282.90 (\$1,991,823.50 + \$10,459.40).

FACILITIES

- **36.** Discussion and possible action to fill vacant position, slot #029 General Repairs Person at \$8.60 per hour and to fill vacant position, slot #036 General Repairs Person at \$9.49 per hour and change title from General Repairs Person to Carpenter.
- **37.** Discussion and possible action to fill custodian slot #037 at \$8.60 per hour and charge to account 001-0106-5001 payroll.
- **38.** Discussion and possible action to approve the installation of 1,200 linear feet of bird deterrent electric jolt track and two solar chargers at the Administration Building at a cost of \$13,100.00 and to charge this expenditure to the Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings Account 001-0106-6401.

HEADSTART

- **39.** Discussion and possible action to ratify the Head Start Child and Adult Care Food Program Application for FY 2005 2006 (October 1, 2005 September 30, 2006).
- **40.** Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1695, part-time Accounts Payable Clerk (30 hrs/week) with an annual salary of \$11,362.50, effective November 29, 2005.

INDIGENT SERVICES

41. Discussion and possible action to fill slot #1240, (Administrative Assistant) from within the County up to \$15.31 hourly effective November 28, 2005.

PURCHASING

- **42.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase chairs for the Central Jury Room from Patria Office Supply in the amount of \$18,687.50 from Account No. 660-1111-8801 Capital Outlay Account.
- **43.** Discussion and possible action to award Bid No. 2006-09 "Penitas West- Fred & Anita Bruni Community Center to C.G. Construction d/b/a C.C. Construction in the amount of \$441,836.07 for the Economic Development.

- **44.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of power conditioners for the audio/video equipment for M.I.S. department in the amount of \$17,985.00 from Texas Media Systems, Inc. ACCT. NO. 001-0500-6411 (Repairs and Maint. Software).
- **45.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchase of power conditioners for the audio/video equipment for M.I.S. department in the amount of \$17,985.00 from Texas Media Systems, Inc. ACCT. NO. 001-0500-6411 (Repairs and Maint. Software).

RISK MANAGEMENT

- **46.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the Risk Management Department to accept \$5,498.00 in settlement of claims arising from damage to a Road & Bridge Department vehicle in a collision with another vehicle on August 26, 2004, at the intersection of Cielito Lindo and South Zapata Highway.
- **47.** Discussion and possible action to authorize the settlement of the property damage claim of Armando Mata & Claudia L. Guerrero resulting from a motor vehicle collision which occurred on or about June 21, 2005 with a County vehicle driven by a Head Start employee. (Account No. 001-0105-9201 Claims Paid).
- **48.** Discussion and possible action to approve a cellular phone with usage of 500 monthly minutes for the Safety & Liability Coordinator and Special Projects Coordinator.

TAX ASSESOR COLLECTOR

49. Discussion and possible action for the Commissioners Court to approve request from the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, Dept. 0700:

Refund due as follows:

Cameron Estate c/o Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Attn: Grace Cortez

P.O. Box 900, Corpus Christi, TX 78043-0900

Acct. # 900-90221-050 Reason: Paid in Error Total Refund: \$6,385.84

VETERANS SERVICES

50. Discussion and possible action to approve a change in Slot# 0611 as follows: Slot # 0611 Veterans Liaison to Slot # 0611 Claims Technician.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 51. Discussion and possible action to amend Webb County Policy for Drug, Alcohol, and Other Prohibited Substances to make it explicitly applicable to volunteers and other persons who operate Webb County vehicles or who otherwise perform safety-sensitive functions. Closed session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).
- 52. Discussion and possible action concerning employee grievance filed by former M.I.S. Director Paul De La Peña. Closed session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).
- **53.** Adjournment

The Webb County Commissioners Court hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the County Attorney or other legal counsel for the County, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

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